



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: **Wartenhorst et al.**

Serial No. 10/015,740

Confirmation No. 8869

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For: **MECHANICAL MILKING PROCEDURE FOR ANIMALS,
ESPECIALLY COWS**

Commissioner of Patents
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 30, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as shown. In addition, please provide a two-month extension of time up to and including May 30, 2003, to answer the Office Action as provided for in 37 CFR 1.136. A check in the amount of \$205.00 is enclosed for the extension of time. If any additional fees for the accompanying response are required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge them to Deposit Account No. 50-2190.

In the claims:

Please amend claims 1-9 as follows:

1. (Amended) A method for milking animals, especially cows, said method comprising the steps of:

- a) mechanically sequentially stimulating the teats of the animal as a way to stimulate the udder; and
- b) milking the stimulated teats.

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